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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF NURSING
June 15, 2006**

Call to Order

Marcy Echternacht, President, called the meeting of the Nebraska Board of Nursing to order at 8:32 a.m. on June 15, 2006, at the Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were sent to Board members, news media and other interested persons, and posted.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

Marcy Echternacht, RN, President
Mary Megel, RN, Vice-President
Jacqueline Ross, RN, Secretary (arrived 8:36 a.m.)
Joyce Bunger, Public member
Crystal Higgins, RN
Nancy Gondringer, RN
Sandra Mann, Public member
Mary Bunger, RN
Deanna Lloyd, LPN
Dawn Nickel, LPN
Julie Brauer, RN
Lori Smith, RN

A quorum of the Board was present and the meeting convened. Also present from the Credentialing Division was Karen Bowen, RN, Nursing Practice Consultant; Sheila Exstrom, RN, Nursing Education Consultant; and Ruth Schuldt, RN, Compliance Monitor. Present from the Investigations Division was Michael Grutsch, Marletta Stark, RN, Peggy Persell, RN, Sharon Fitts, RN. Present from Regulation & Licensure Division was Bob Leopold, Chief Deputy Director. Present from the Attorney General's office was Terri Nutzman Assistant Attorney General.

Review of Agenda

The board reviewed the revised agenda. Overview of new procedure for screening complaints was placed before closed session. A presentation on methamphetamine by Mann

was added to the agenda. Also added was discussion of letter received from Lisa Bruce regarding fees and multi state licenses.

1. Gondringer made the motion seconded by Lloyd **that the board adopt the agenda as amended.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer, Nickel, Higgins and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Motion carried.

Review of the Consent Agenda

The board reviewed the consent agenda.

2. Brauer made the motion seconded by J. Bunger **that the board adopt the consent agenda and approve the following:**

C.1. April 20, 2006 Board of Nursing meeting minutes as amended.

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer, Nickel, Higgins and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Motion carried.

Overview of new complaint screening process

Bob Leopold addressed the members regarding the new process that has been implemented to screen complaints received against licensees. He provided a flow chart to explain the process and a sample copy of the summary reports the board will receive with information on the complaints not opened. He said the changes were a result of increasing workloads and trying to streamline the process. Instead of the screening committee reviewing complaints they are now reviewed by the Department (Investigations staff) and by the board consultant if the complaint is related to practice issues. Leopold and Grutsch answered questions from members regarding the process. Leopold agreed to return to the board in September or October and update on how the process is working.

8:44 a.m. Leopold left the meeting.

8:45 a.m.

3. Nickel made the motion seconded by Megel **that the board go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing investigation reports.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer, Nickel, Higgins and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Persell left the meeting.

10:05 a.m. The meeting recessed. Fitts left the meeting.
10:15 a.m. The meeting reconvened in closed session.

11:15 a.m. The meeting recessed.
11:25 a.m. The meeting reconvened over lunch in closed session.

11:26 a.m. Ross left the meeting.
11:30 a.m. Ross returned to the meeting.

11: 45 a.m. Stark, and Grutsch left the meeting.

12:00 p.m. The board came out of closed session. Schuldts left the meeting.
12:10 p.m. The meeting reconvened in open session.

Licensure Recommendations

Based on discussion in closed session the following motions were made:

John Neal

4. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by M. Bunger **that the board notify John Neal of their intention to recommend denial of an RN license based on criminal history, psychiatric evaluation, and moral character.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer, Nickel, Higgins and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Motion carried.

Lindsey Wolf

5. Lloyd made the motion seconded by Gondringer **that the board issue Lindsey Wolf an unencumbered RN license upon successful completion of NCLEX-RN®.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer, Nickel, Higgins and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Motion carried.

Casey Schieffer

6. J. Bunger made the motion seconded by Megal **that the board issue Casey Schieffer an unencumbered RN license upon successful completion of NCLEX-RN®.**

Voting Aye: Mann, Ross, Gondringer, Echternacht, Megel, J. Bunger, M. Bunger, Lloyd, Brauer, Nickel, Higgins and Smith. Voting Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Motion carried.

Letter from Lisa Bruce

Echternacht discussed a letter she received from Lisa Bruce regarding reinstatement fees for nurses coming from another compact state. She has discussed the issue with Charlene Kelly. Kelly has said changing the fee will require a statutory change that will be addressed in the ULL rewrite. Bowen will provide Kelly with the letter from Bruce.

Methamphetamine presentation

Mann presented a power point presentation on methamphetamine. The members provided positive comments on the useful and new information presented. Many members requested copies of the presentation. Bowen will provide copies for the members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline Ross". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Jacqueline Ross, Secretary